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 FITTING AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

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**APPEAL BRIEF**

Sir:

On August 10, 2004, Appellants appealed to the Board of Patent Appeals from the final rejection of Claims 39, 42, 58, and 61. The following is Appellants' Appeal Brief submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §41.37.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$500.00 appeal brief fee, along with any other requisite fees, to Deposit Account 05-1823 (Docket No. 095309.50754US).

**Real Party in Interest**

This application is assigned to DaimlerChrysler AG of Stuttgart, Germany, which is the real party in interest in this appeal.

**Related Appeals and Interferences**

Applicants and their counsel are not aware of any related appeals or interferences which would affect, be affected by, or have a bearing on the instant appeal.